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FM AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

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INFO AMCONSUL ASMARA

AMEMBASSY CAIRO

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SUBJECT: EGYPT, ETHIOPIA AND ERITREA

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1. EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR TO ETHIOPIA AYOUTI TOLD POL COUNSELOR EVENING FEBRUARY 18 THAT EGYPT'S HANDS ARE TIED WITH REGARD TO ERITREA AS LONG AS FIGHTING CONTINUES.

2. AMBASSADOR EXPLAINED THAT HE HAD BEEN PRESENT DURING PRESIDENT SADAT'S MEETING WITH RECENT EPMG DEL LEAD BY LIJ MICHAEL IMRU. ETHIOPIANS HAD BEEN TOLD MOVE TOWARDS NEGOTIATED POLITICAL SOLUTION AND HAD EXPLAINED THAT THIS HAD BEEN EPMG'S INTENTION BUT THAT INSURGENCIES HAD NOT RPT NOT GIVEN NEW ETHIOPIAN REGIME REQUISITE TIME. INSTEAD, INSURGENTS HAD MULTIPLIED INCIDENTS AND GIVEN ETHIOPIAN RESTRAINT APPEARANCE OF IMPOTENCE. THIS COULD NOT RPT NOT BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE. MILITARY MEASURES HAD HAD TO BE TAKEN BUT EPMG REMAINED WILLING TO NEGOTIATE MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION.

3. EGYPTIANS HAD, IN TURN, EXPLAINED THAT NATURE EGYPT'S TIES
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TO OTHER ARABS PRECLUDED HELPFUL INITIATIVES SO LONG AS HOSTILITIES

IN ERITREA ARE ORDER OF THE DAY. AMBASSADOR AYOUTI SAID THIS
REMAINS HIS GOVERNMENT'S VIEW AND EMBASSY INFERS THAT THIS MAY
WELL HAVE BEEN SUBSTANCE OF MESSAGE WHICH LEADER EGYPTIAN OAU
DEL DELIVERED TO PMAC CHAIRMAN GB TEFERI BENTE.
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